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BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

Moab District
Price River/San Rafael Resource Area
125 South 600 West
P.O. Box 7004
Price, Utah 84501

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DIV. OF OIL, 6380 MINING

(UTU-69850)
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Russell Harms Georgia-Pacific Corporation P.O. Box 30006 North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036-0006

Dear Mr. Harms:

Regarding your request for release of 4 acres of reclaimed land, we have conducted an inspection of the area in question and have determined that only 1.15 acres can be released. The area which can be released is the old storage and equipment parking area west of the mine. The western part of the mine, which comprises about 2.85 acres, has very little vegetation on it and that consists primarily of annuals. We do not consider an area to be completely reclaimed until the vegetation density of the area is at least 75 percent of the density of the vegetation in the surrounding area.

This 1.15 acres can be used for expanding your mine. The mine is limited in size to 26 acres, so no more than an addition 1.15 acres can be disturbed until more reclaimed land is released as completely reclaimed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Neil Simmons of my staff at (801) 636-3639.

Sincerely,

PENELOPE J. DUNN

Area Manager

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